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This communication is to clarify for the records for the Notice of Allowability mailed 12/19/03. Since claims 12, 33, 15-32, 43, and 64-65 are either sub-species of the elected species A (two binding sites) or non-elected species B (three binding sites) in Paper #6, filed 5/14/01, and since species A is found allowable, and species B contains the limitations of species A, species B are rejoined, examined, and are also found allowable. Therefore, these claims were also allowed.

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